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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM : [REDACTED]  
Deputy Director of Central Reference

SUBJECT: Joint Committee on Printing Reaction to GPO Request for  
CIA Participation in Depository Library Program

1. [REDACTED] of P&PD and I accompanied [REDACTED] (OLC) on a visit to the Joint Committee on Printing on 31 January. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Superintendent of Documents' letter to the DCI dated 13 January 1977 requesting that CIA reference aid publications be distributed in accordance with U.S. Code, Title 44, Chapter 19, Depository Library Program.

2. The JCP staff members, Messrs. Denver Dickerson and Paul Beech, stated that the Agency was exempted by statute from the provisions of Title 44. [REDACTED] indicated that the Agency had no record of this exemption and requested that the JCP send a copy for the OGC.

3. Mr. Dickerson also stated that the letter should not have been written, and that he would be in touch with Mr. LaBarre, the signer of the letter and request he rescind or withdraw it. He stated that Mr. LaBarre was new in his position and that most likely the letter had been drafted by a staff member who was not aware of the Agency's exemption. He recommended no further Agency action until receipt of the new letter.

4. Both Messrs. Dickerson and Beech were complimentary to the Agency and its personnel.

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